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The New Republic.

With the arrival of General Fitzhugh Lee, military governor of Havana, and staff, in Cuba, the first move is made for the formal assumption of complete American control, which will be consummated on the first day of January, when General Lee will enter the city of Havana with the Seventh army corps to take possession in the name of the United States. It is expected that Lee's army of occupation will consist of 26,000 men, which will be sufficient to maintain order until the new government to be provided for the Cubans, in accordance with the pledges made, is established.

It is not likely that the occupation of Havana by the military will be prolonged, since the general sentiment is in line with the President's recommendation to set about the work of the construction of the independent government under the American protectorate immediately. The Congress which is to deal with this matter is the same Congress that passed the war resolution containing this government's pledge of a stable, free and independent government, and will, in order to relieve the country of the expense and necessity of maintaining an army on the island, as quickly as possible, in all likelihood, proceed to carry out the programme.

The necessity of this will doubtless be realized by Congress in view of the lesson learned from the experience of our troops in Cuba last summer, and of the sufferings that might ensue by keeping our soldiers there through another season in which the climatic condition is unfavorable to Americans. Even partisan obstructionists, who might be moved with a desire to embarrass the administration, would hardly go so far as to prevent a speedy settlement of the question, on account of this phase of the situation.

The sooner the Cuban problem is disposed of the better for this reason, no less than for the reason that it is the one question to deal with, in which the least difficulty is presented, and upon which there is the least division of public sentiment. There is to be no question of annexation, the only serious problems being the arrangement of a government, with discreet provisions for an avoidance of internal or factional troubles among the Cubans—ones which they will accept, and which will place at the head of affairs men competent to govern, and make provision for the protection of American interests in the way of trade relations, customs laws, &c.

It is sincerely hoped that this first thing to be accomplished, in the matter of settling the obligations devolving upon us as the result of the war, will be disposed of with as much expedition as possible, and that wisdom will prevail throughout all that is done.

Two Kinds of Revolution.

Messrs. Pierson and Getzendanner are not entitled to seats in the coming legislature and any attempt to seat them or to keep out of their seats their duly and legally elected successors will be in defiance of law and an act of revolution.—Register.

We may now expect to see the Register raise an army and proceed to Washington and prevent General Joe Wheeler from occupying his seat in Congress. The circumstances are precisely similar and the provisions in the state and national constitutions are the same, the only exception being that Getzendanner and Pierson are no longer holding commissions in the volunteer service, and the gallant hero of Santiago and honest Democratic leader in Congress retains his commission under the decision of the law department of the government, rendered by a Republican attorney general.

If this is revolution, it is the Register's duty to stop it and then proclaim as traitors all connected with the national administration who have permitted it. If it is treason and revolution in West Virginia, it is treason and revolution at Washington, and brave old Joe Wheeler, according to our neighbor, ought to be court-martialed. The Register's superior judgment should warrant it in taking drastic measures to prevent this outrage.

Some Questions.

Will our esteemed Democratic neighbor quote the provision in the constitution or the statute laws of this state that will sustain its position that party campaign committees have a right to declare vacancies in seats in the state senate or house of delegates, and proceed to fill them according to their own arbitrary partiality? Where does the law confer such an authority upon a party committee which has no civil authority? The Getzendanner-Pierson cases will be decided by the body, and the only body, the constitution gives a right to decide a contest for eligibility to its own membership. Wherein is it

more revolutionary for a Republican to contest to determine the legality of an election than a Democrat? Are not all our rights the same under the law? Are there no Democratic notions of contest served? Does anybody suppose that the Democratic majority in the house will hold out a hope to Republicans who are asking for seats to which they contend they were elected? Is it "revolutionary" for them to ask for justice and "patriotic" for Democrats to do likewise?

The Climax of Falsehood.

Daily falsehoods from its Charleston correspondent and "double-leaded" editorials backing them up appear in the Register these days, which are inflammatory in the extreme and are aimed at the peace and order of the state. In spite of official denials, in spite of the utter absurdity of the assertions, in spite of the lack of necessity, and in total disregard of the facts, the Democratic organ, for what purpose may easily be seen, continues to charge that the Republican administration proposes to "control the legislature by armed force." The latest despicable and dangerously inflammatory assertion of this sort is a publication yesterday from the Register's Charleston falsifier to the effect that President McKinley has promised to "back up" Governor Atkinson with United States troops, to prevent the Democrats from getting control of the legislature. This, says the foolish and ignorant correspondent, "has filled the people with astonishment and rage."

If such a canard has filled people with "astonishment and rage" they must be very ignorant people not to know that the statement is necessarily untrue and could not possibly have even a color of truth. Such a statement, in fact, is a reflection upon the intelligence of the public, and the astonishing thing about it is that the Register, supposed to be an intelligent newspaper, and to have knowledge of the law and the constitution, should not only disgrace itself by the publication of so palpable a falsehood, but credits it in an editorial, in which it not only repeats the canard, but exhibits a desire to stir up the people of this state to a riotous state of mind. It openly incites disorder, when there is no cause for it—not even in the misrepresentations of its unreliable and malicious correspondent at Charleston.

Nobody that the Intelligencer knows of is asking for anything save justice in the matter of contest for seats in the legislature. Nobody contemplates a military government in this state. Federal troops cannot be called to interfere with state affairs, except in a case of anarchy, interference with federal authority, rebellion against the federal government and violations of the federal laws. There is absolutely no intention of President McKinley to send troops into this state for any purpose or to settle contests for seats in the legislature, nor could there be. All such talk is for a manifest and despicable purpose.

The Democratic organ is going to extremes when it presumes that the people are ignorant enough to believe its absurd reports; it is lacking in discretion when it seeks to stir up feeling by publishing every foolish falsehood that is imposed upon it.

As to the governor calling out state troops, we are sure that the governor's intentions are badly exaggerated by the Charleston disturber of peace and the Wheeling breeder of disorder. The constitution of the state declares that "The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the military forces of the state (except when they shall be called into the service of the United States), and may call out the same to execute the laws, suppress insurrection and repel invasion."—Section 12 of Article 7.

We may be sure that Governor Atkinson is not going to make use of the guard in any manner except in an emergency such as is provided for in the constitution and the law. All the "rot" which is appearing in the Register is unauthorized, is malicious, mischievous, and calculated to do great harm in the state and to its good name abroad. Isn't it about time the Register were beginning to realize that the public is growing tired of its effort on this line?

The Czar's Dream of Peace.

It is stated on what is apparently good authority that the czar of Russia is in real earnest in his disarmament proposition, and has a sincere desire to bring about an agreement with the nations to guarantee permanent and universal peace based on the principle of mediation before fighting.

English and American public opinion, it is said, are vital to the success of the experiment. Doubtless favorable comments of President McKinley, in his late message, upon the Russian proposal has encouraged the czar somewhat, and the announcement that the scheme has not collapsed at this time is significant. American and English public opinion is certainly against war, and there is no reason why, if the plan of the czar is found to be feasible, it should not favor any means to insure peace in all the world.

The medieval "truce of God for five or ten years" suggestion, as an incident to the proposal, is a new feature which is unique in this closing period of the nineteenth century.

Whether anything comes of the czar's plan or not, it is certainly exciting a most interesting discussion and bringing out varied views of students of national economy and international politics.

The terrible accident which occurred yesterday during the handling of a safe, was one of those unfortunate happenings which sometimes come in the course of heavy work, and bring with them sudden sorrow to relatives and friends of the victims whose lives are crushed out without warning. There is no help for it—only regret and warnings for those who engage in dangerous callings to exercise the greatest care and caution.

In deciding to remodel the Bellair bridge the Baltimore & Ohio managers are about to make an improvement in its facilities that has long been needed. Just a little further up the river, and almost in sight of the bridge, is a place at which another improvement has been needed and promised for a long while—so long a while that the citizens, the business interests, the travelling public of Wheeling, and all the other patrons of the road at this most important shipping and central point, have about given

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up in despair of ever seeing the work accomplished. That so important a city on this great line is still forced to get along with a passenger station which would be a discredit to an unimportant village stopping place, has been a source of regret, in view of expensive improvements being made all along the road.

A poll of the Democrats in Congress "reveals" the fact that nearly all are for Bryanism and free silver. That is not a remarkable discovery at all, for the enterprising reporter to make, and he might have saved much trouble had it occurred to him that almost every man of them was elected in 1896 on the Bryan platform adopted at Chicago.

General Lee attempted to induce Colonel Bryan to go to Cuba, but he preferred to resign. What did Colonel Bryan enlist for? His case is a rare one (unless urgent necessity or bad health may be his excuse) at such a time.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

There is no love so incurably blind as self-love.
Man claims to be lord of all creation,



SIGNOR TAGLIAPIETRA, THE BARITONE

Every student of music has either heard or heard of Tagliapietra, the famous baritone, who has charmed every city of the old and new worlds. After conquering all the worlds he sighed for another one, and found it in the heart of an American girl, Miss Margaret Townsend, who is one of the popular and beautiful belles of New York, fell in love with Tagliapietra, her music teacher, who had previously fallen in love with her, and after years of waiting

but when a savage bulldog chases him he falls at the part.

Every time Satan closes a door he opens a larger one.

Women are strongest when incensed in the armor of their weakness.

Some people are so skeptical that they even doubt their own doubts.

The reason the office doesn't seek the man is because it doesn't have to.

When lovers walk beneath the moon they forget that they are of the earth earthy.

Repentance is like ammonia: a little of it goes a long way when it once takes hold.

The true American doesn't want to be a king, but he'll bet his last cent on four of them.

There may be a good deal in a name when it is located in the southeast corner of a check.

A great many of the men who claim to be self-made were evidently interrupted before the job was completed.—Chicago Daily News.

Objects of Pity.

My heart is full of pity for the man who takes his knife

And uses it to shovel in the food that gives him life.

I'm sorry for the man who with his finger roughly cleaves

The pages of the book that comes to him with uncut leaves.

I'm sorry for the beer who crowds his way to places where

He is not welcome and proceeds to ride

I blush for him whose speech is all made up of "I's" and "me's"

Who thinks that he upsets the heart of every girl he sees.

I pity fools who think the world for them alone was planned.

And those who loudly talk of things they do not understand.

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ABOUT MANKIND.

Some men use the deep ministerial tone of voice in talking of everything from expansion to the buttons off their underwear.

Every woman has a vague idea that all her husband does every day is to open his office, read, smoke and count his money.

Old men go to a great deal of trouble dying their mustaches, considering that they feel neither women nor death.

If a young man takes a girl out sleigh-riding he has a right to demand that she hold his hands when they get home, to thaw them out.

An Atchison woman hides her money in the family Bible, and in a married life of twenty years her husband has never found any of it.

After a man has taken a girl to a theater as often as six times, and called upon her with chocolates in his pocket, she begins to see a resemblance in him to her favorite hero in a novel.

Every time a girl visits at a house the men folks are kept in a dazed condition trying to figure out how she got so many clothes into one little trunk.

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